

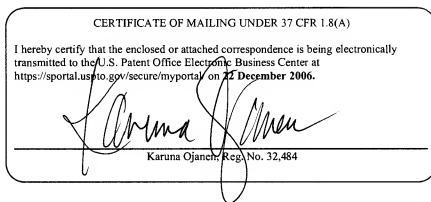
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Katayoun Atefi et al. : Date: 22 December 2006
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 Examiner: Johnna Ronee Loftis : Intellectual Property Law
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Dear Sir:



**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114
 ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 25 September 2006 in which the claims were finally rejected having a shortened statutory period set to expire on 25 December 2006, Applicants file herein a Request for Continued Examination with this amendment as the required submission under 37 CFR 1.114.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks are included on pages 13 through 16 of this paper.

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